GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Extends the concessions granted in G. O. No. A. F. 3841-6—Agri. 196-45-2, dated 7th February 1946, to areas all over the State wherever irrigated ragi is grown during the summer of 1946.

READ—

Government Order No. A. F. 3841-6—Agri. 196-45-2. dated 7th February 1946, sanctioning in view of the sericus shortage of ragi in the State owing to unfavourable seasonal conditions, the issue of seeds and manure free of cost to the raiyats as a further concession under the following conditions, to induce them to take to irrigated ragi cultivation in the Irwin Canal area during the summer of 1946, as they are generally reluctant to take up to summer cultivation of ragi on the ground that the ragi crop exhausts the soil and reduces the yield of subsequent paddy crop:—

(a) the issue of seeds and manures to the raiyats concerned free of cost is expected to cost not more than Rs. 15 per acre to Government calculated at the present concessional price at which manure is sold to raiyats;

(b) with a view to see that the concession is not misused, the seed and manure be issued in the first instance as an advance. If the cultivator produces not less than five pallas per acre, the issues will be treated as free. In cases where the yield is less, the cost of the seed and manure supplied to him will be recovered as arrears of land revenue except in exceptional cases, where the Director of Agriculture is satisfied that the short yield (below the five pallas per acre) was due to causes beyond the control of the raiyat and that the manure supplied has actually been used;

(c) the mutchalikas in the form prescribed be obtained from the raiyats concerned.

2. Letter No. Sm. 177—45-46, dated 26th February 1946 and No. Sm. 177—45-46, dated 18th March 1946, from the Director of Agriculture, requesting under the circumstances explained therein, the extension of the concessions granted to the Irwin Canal area in the Government Order read above, to certain other areas also in Tumkur, Kolar, Mandya, Bangalore, Shimoga and Hassan Districts where irrigated ragi is grown during the summer of 1946 so that as large an area as possible may be brought under ragi crop.

ORDER No. A. F. 5308-31—AGRI. 208-45-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH APRIL 1946.

Government are pleased to extend the concessions granted in Government Order No. A. F. 3841-6—Agri. 196-45-2, dated 7th February 1946, to areas all over the State wherever irrigated ragi is grown during the summer of 1946. The expenditure in this behalf will be met under "32-B 13 (a) Grow More Food Campaign—Subsidy" for the issue of seeds and the manures at reduced rates."

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the Amendment of Rule 23 and Rule 21 of the Official and Public Branches respectively of the Insurance Department.

READ—

Letter No. A. V. G. 270, dated 22nd February 1946, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, proposing amendments to Rule 23 of the Official Branch and Rule 21 of the Public Branch consequent on the amendment of Section 3 of the Insurance Act by Act II of 1946 and requesting approval of his proposal.

ORDER No. FL. 7178-80—G. F. 17-45-8, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH APRIL 1946.

Under Section 3 of the Mysore State Life Insurance Act, 1917, as amended by Act II of 1946, "When an insured dies without making any nomination in accordance with the rules any officer duly empowered under the rules may, if the total amount due does not exceed Rs. 5,000 and after such enquiry as he considers necessary, pay the same to the person found by him to be entitled to receive it."

The Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance, has accordingly submitted for approval of Government the following amendments to the Insurance Rules, empowering the Deputy Secretary and Secretary of the Insurance to deal with such cases falling within the money limits noted below :—

	Rs.
Deputy Secretary up to ...	1,000
Secretary up to ...	2,500

Government are pleased to accept the above proposals and to direct that the necessary amendment in the rules both of the Official and Public Branches be made as indicated below :—

I. *Official Branch.*—Substitute the following for the existing Rule 23, para 2.

"If no such nomination has been made and the sum assured payable exceeds five thousand rupees, it will be paid to the person or persons, declared by a competent Court of Law in the Mysore State to be entitled to receive it, but if the sum assured does not exceed five thousand rupees nd no notice from any Civil Court to withhold payment has been received, it will be paid as noted below to the person or persons whom the President of the Insurance Committee or the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of the Insurance Department, as the case may be, after reasonable enquiry, finds to be entitled to receive the same subject to the limits noted below :—

		Rs.
By the Deputy Secretary :	Up to the limit of	1,000
By the Secretary :	Sums exceeding	1,000 and not exceeding 2,500.
By the President :	Sums exceeding	2,500 and not exceeding 5,000.

II. *Public Branch.*—Substitute the following for the proviso under Rule 21 :—

"Provided that in the event of the death of the insured before an assignment or nomination in respect of the policy has been registered by the Secretary under Rule 22 or Rule 22-A, and the sum payable does not exceed Rs. 5,000 the payment may be authorised to such person or persons as the President of the Insurance Committee or the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of the Insurance Department, as the case may be, after reasonable enquiry, finds entitled to the claim subject to the limits noted below :—

		Rs.
By the Deputy Secretary :	Up to a limit of	1,000
By the Secretary :	Sums exceeding	1,000 and not exceeding 2,500.
By the President :	Sums exceeding	2,500 and not exceeding 5,000.

B. S. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, *Fl Secy.*

Directs the levy of uniform rates of interest on the several classes of loans, advances, etc., granted by Government.

READ—

Note No. 26—S. F. O., dated 8th September 1945, from the Special Finance Officer, offering suggestions for the levy of uniform rates of interest as far as possible on the several kinds of loans and advances made by Government.

2. Proceedings of the meeting of the Finance and Taxation Committee held on the 19th November 1945.

ORDER No. FL. 7192-7280—G. F. 281-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH APRIL 1946.

At present, varying rates of interest are charged on loans and advances made by Government. The Special Finance Officer, who reviewed the position, has suggested that it is desirable to have uniform rates of interest as far as possible. After considering the opinion of the Special Finance Officer and obtaining the approval of the Finance and Taxation Committee, Government are pleased to direct that with effect *from 1st April* 1946, the following rates of interest be levied on the Loans and Advances granted by Government as indicated below :—

Nature of Loan or Advance	*Rates of interest to be levied*
1. Land Improvement, Takavi, Sericultural and Fruit Cultural Loans, Loans to District Boards and Municipalities, Loans to Coffee Planters, Industrial Loans, Loans for purchase of Machinery and Loans to Co-operative Societies	4 per cent.
2. House-building and Purchase Advances—	
(a) Officers on salaries above Rs. 250.	4 per cent.
(b) Officers on salaries of Rs. 250 and below	3 per cent.
3. Cash loans, arrear premiums and automatic non-forfeiture advances of the Insurance Department ...	5 per cent interest (compounded) half-yearly.
4. Penal interest ...	6¼ per cent in all cases.

Necessary action will be taken separately to issue correction slips to departmental Codes and the Mysore Civil Account Code.

B. S. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, *Finl. Secy.*

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